

Kayamkulam Power Project

3828. SHRI T. GOVINDAN :
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 SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) the stage at which the Kayamkulam Power Project stands;
- (b) whether the NTPC and the Government of Kerala have signed a Power Purchase Agreement for the project;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the quantum of the World Bank loan sought and received for this project so far; and
- (e) the terms and conditions of the World Bank in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Kayamkulam Combined Cycle Power Project (400 MW) in Kerala is being implemented by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). The main plant turn-key contract for the project was awarded to M/s Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) in September, 1996 who have started the work of ground preparation.

(b) and (c) NTPC and Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) have entered into an agreement in January, 1995 for supply of power from Kayamkulam Combined Cycle Power Project to Kerala. The salient features of the agreement are as follows :

- (i) the entire power is envisaged for supply to Kerala.
- (ii) Tariff for the energy to be supplied this power station will be determined by Government of India under Section 43 A of Electricity Supply Act, 1948.
- (iii) PPA provides certain safeguards like establishment of letter of credit with a back up State Government Guarantee including reallocation, discontinuance/reduction in supply of power from the project in case of default in payment by KSEB.
- (iv) The PPA shall be operative upto completion of five years from the date of commercial operation of the last unit of the Power Station with provision of mutual extension, renewal or replacement.

(d) and (e) The project will be funded under the US\$ 400 million first tranche time slice loan from the World Bank. Approximately, an amount of US\$ 250 million (equivalent to Rs. 778 crores) is expected to be utilised for this project from the first tranche as well as subsequent tranches of the time slice loan. US\$ 18.67 million has been

drawn as of end February, 1997 from the World Bank for this project. This is a direct loan to NTPC. The principal amount would be repaid in 20 years including 5 years grace at the Bank's standard variable interest rate.

[Translation]

Model Village

3829. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) the district-wise number of villages selected for Model villages in Bihar;
- (b) the factors and priorities fixed for identifying the villages under Model village scheme;
- (c) the target fixed therefor during 1996-97 and achievement made so far in this regard; and
- (d) the financial assistance provided by the Union Governments and State Governments under this scheme, separately ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) to (d) Information regarding part (a) to (d) is being collected from the State Government of Bihar and will be put up on the Table of the House.

[English]

Power Tariff/SEBs

3830. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
 SHRI TARIQ ANWAR :
 SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDA
 SHRI A.C. JOS :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

- (a) whether the Union Government have issued guidelines to the State Governments for imposing a basic minimum tariff for farm sector and revised the tariff for other sectors so as to enable the State Electricity Boards (SEBs) to run on commercial lines and phasing out subsidies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reaction of State Governments thereto; and
- (d) the other steps taken by the Government for improving Plant Load Factor, restructuring and revamping SEBs and encouraging private participation in the power sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Common Minimum National Action Plan for Power (CMNAPP) finalised in the Chief Minister's Conference on Power held on 16th October, 1996 & 3rd December, 1996. inter-alia, recommends for establishment